

Application No. 09/744,662
Amendment "I" dated April 11, 2006
Reply to the Office action mailed January 11, 2006

REMARKS

The Office action of January 11, 2006 considered and rejected claims 66-71.¹ Claims 36-65 were also considered and found allowable.

Initially, Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 36-65 are allowable.

By this paper, claims 66-71 have been cancelled, such that claims 36-65 remain pending, all of which should now be found in immediate condition for allowance. In particular, as noted above, all pending claims are considered allowable for at least those reasons outlined in the current Office action; and therefore, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, all of the rejections of record are now moot, and the application should now be found in immediate condition for allowance. Nevertheless, should any question arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at +1.801.533.9800.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ These claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,819,004 to Azadegan et al. (*Azadegan*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,892,535 to Allen et al. (*Allen*) and/or in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,617,333 to Oyamada et al. (*Oyamada*), U.S. Patent No. 5,619,591 to Tsung et al. (*Tsung*), and/or U.S. Patent No. 6,003,030 to Kenner et al. (*Kenner*). Although the prior art status and the assertions made with regard to the cited art is not being challenged at this time, Applicants reserve the right to challenge, at any appropriate time in the future (e.g., in a subsequent amendment or during prosecution of a related application), the prior art status and assertions made with regard to the cited art, as well as any official notice or other arguments made in any communications from the Office in regards to this application. Accordingly, Applicants' decision to cancel claims and to not respond to the assertions and rejection of record should not be construed as acquiescing to such assertions or rejections. Instead, the claim cancellations and amendments made by this paper are merely being made to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims.